

HB 158

MAKING AN APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

Appropriates funds to the department of the prosecuting attorney of the county of Maui for the prosecution of cases under the drug court and mental health court programs.

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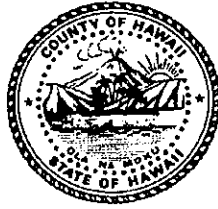
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For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney strongly supports the passage of H.B. 158, which will provide the funding needed to maximize services in the community, in the fields of Drug Court and Mental Health Court. Also, as the legislative session progresses, we kindly request that the funding in this bill be inserted into the State Budget, along with similarly necessary funding for each county prosecutor. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 158

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

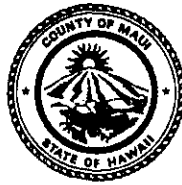
Honorable Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chairs Baker and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in support of House Bill No. 158.

This measure appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui for the prosecution of cases under the drug court and mental health court programs.

The funding of these programs are essential for Maui prosecutors and will ensure the drug court and mental health programs continue to make a positive effect on the citizens of Maui.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i supports the passage of House Bill No. 158. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY
ON
HB 158 - MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

March 18, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran
Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Vice Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB 158 - Making Appropriations to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui. HB 158 appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui for the prosecution of cases under the drug court and mental health court programs.

When the Judiciary created the drug and mental health court programs, the Department had no option but to comply by prosecuting qualifying cases in those court programs. The

impact on the Department is that each court has dedicated to it one deputy prosecutor and one law technician. The following expenses are related to those positions:

Drug Court (salary + fringe):	
1 Deputy Prosecutor	\$ 209,537.86
1 Law Technician I	67,527.80

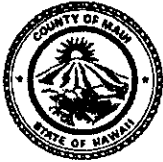
Mental Health Court (Salary + Fringe):	
1 Deputy Prosecutor	\$ 209,537.86
1 Law Technician I	<u>67,527.80</u>

Grand Total:	\$ 554,110.12
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The Department struggles to meet this obligation. The Department has already absorbed much of the expenses of other state-mandated programs (Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim/Witness Assistance). The Department appreciates any financial assistance it can receive to help it meet its mandated responsibility.

Accordingly, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the passage of this bill. We ask that the committees **PASS HB 158**.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Honorable Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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The Senate
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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: House Bill No. 158, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE
COUNTY OF MAUI

Dear Chairs Espero and Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committees:

The Maui Police Department supports the passage of H.B. No. 158.

The passage of this bill appropriates funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui for the prosecution of cases under the drug court and mental health court programs.

The Maui Police Department supports the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui and their efforts to provide programs to prosecute cases under the drug court and mental health court. Their approach to address these types of cases hopes to end the cycle of recidivism and provides the appropriate help that is needed in these specialized cases.

The Maui Police Department again asks that you support the passage of H.B. No. 158.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


TIVOLI S. FAAUMU
Chief of Police